

**AN ACT**

To ban shark feeding in the waters of the State of Koror, to provide penalties for violations of this Act, and for related purposes.

**THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

The Eighth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that the practice of shark feeding has increased in Koror and all over the world, and that there are legitimate concerns about whether or not such practices increase risks of shark attacks on swimmers. During such feedings, sharks are usually aroused into a "frenzied" state in their search for food, which may pose a risk for persons close to feeding activities. It is also apparent that shark feeding practices teach sharks to associate humans with food, which may cause sharks to approach innocent swimmers who may be feeding small fish. Some areas have banned or restricted shark feeding as the result of increased attacks, and some areas have reported that shark attacks have decreased as the result of banning shark feeding. The Legislature has also been informed that a tourist in Koror was actually bitten by a shark while tourists were observing shark feeding activities in the waters of Koror.

Because of the potential for unintentional attacks, and because many dive and swim sites are at least one hour or more from medical assistance, the Eighth Koror State Legislature feels that it is in the best interests of the people of Palau, and visitors to Palau, to prohibit shark feeding in the waters of the State of Koror.

**SECTION 2. SHARK FEEDING PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful to feed sharks in the waters of the State of Koror. If a person is feeding fish and any shark or sharks appear, it shall be unlawful to continue feeding any fish.

**SECTION 3. PENALTIES; AIDING, ABETTING, AND CONSPIRING.**

A. Any person who violates any provision of Section "2." of this Act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall pay a fine in the amount of \$100.00, and

such person may also be sentenced to spend up to ninety (90) days in jail.

B. Any person who aids, abets, or assists in the violation of this act, or who conspires

**EIGHTH KOROR STATE LEGISLATURE**

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2 pay a fine in the amount of \$100.00, and such person may also be sentenced to spend up to  
3 ninety (90) days in jail.

4 C. If any person is injured as the result of any violation of this Act, the court shall  
5 impose mandatory jail time as part of the sentence, and the offender shall be ordered to pay  
6 restitution to any victim.

7 **SECTION 4. REGULATIONS.**

8 The Governor is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations for the implementation  
9 of this Act, and to take steps for public awareness and public education.

10 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

11 The provisions of this Act are severable. If any part or portion of this Act is held to be  
12 invalid or unenforceable, then the offending portions may be stricken and the remaining  
13 portions shall continue in full force and effect.

14 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law of the State of Koror by  
16 operation of the Koror State constitution.

PASSED ON: August 29, 2007

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

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Timothy "Tero" Uehara  
Speaker  
Eighth Koror State Legislature

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Rena Iluches  
Clerk  
Eight Koror State Legislature

**APPROVED ON 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2007**

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**Governor Koror State**